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**To:** NITC Commissioners  
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**Subject:** eHealth Council Report

**State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program.** The State of Nebraska applied for just over \$6 million in funding to create a statewide health information exchange. The Office of the National Coordinator is expected to announce funding decisions in mid December. A strategic and operational plan need to be submitted and approved before funding for implementation will be made available.

**Strategic Plan.** The eHealth Council has developed a revised strategic eHealth plan for Nebraska. The plan was submitted with Nebraska's application for the State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program. The eHealth Council reviewed the plan at its October meeting and suggested minor revisions. The plan should meet most or all of the requirements set forth by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT. It is possible that the State of Nebraska may be asked to provide greater detail or to make other revisions to the plan. Commissioners will be asked to approve this version of the strategic plan.

**Operational Plan.** The eHealth Plan Work Group has been meeting regularly to develop an operational plan. We hope to have the operational plan completed or nearly completed by the end of the year.